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VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MAY 31, 2008

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VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1

MAY 31, 2008

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 May 31, 2008

This section of Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1's annual financial report presents background information and management's analysis of the "Commission's" financial performance during the year ended May 31, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements in this report.

Required Financial Statements

The Basic Financial Statements of the Commission report information about the Commission using Governmental Accounting Standards Boards (GASB) accounting principles. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The Statement of Net Assets (on page 9 &10) includes all of the Commission's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amount of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Commission creditors (liabilities). All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets (on page 11). This statement measures improvements in the Commission's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the Commission has been able to recover all of its cost through its patient service revenue and other revenue sources. The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows (on page 13). The primary purpose of this statement is provide information about the Commission's cash from operations, investing and financing activities, and to provide answers to such questions as 'where did cash come from?", "what was cash used for?" and "what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period?"

Financial Analysis of the Commission

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets report information about the Commission's activities. These two statements report the net assets of the Commission and changes in them. The Commission's net assets- the difference between assets and liabilities-are one way to measure the Commission's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Commission's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 MAY 31, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Net Assets

A summary of the Commission's Balance Sheet is presented below:

	May 31 <u>2008</u>	May 31 2007	% Change
Current Assets Restricted Assets Capital Assets, net of depreciation	\$ 312,986 454,380 <u>1,736,239</u>	\$ 292,064 437,361 1,842,607	7.16% 3.80% (5.77%)
Total assets	\$ <u>2,503,605</u>	\$ <u>2,572,032</u>	(2.66%)
Current liabilities Current liabilities payable from	\$ 8,888	12,764	(30.37%)
Restricted assets	242,907	239,972	1.22%
Non current liabilities	696,000	818,000	(14.91%)
Total liabilities	\$ 947,795	\$ 1,070,736	(<u>11.48%)</u>
Invested in capital assets, less debt Unrestricted net assets	905,302 650,508	878,107 623,189	3.09% 1.00%
Total net assets	\$ 1,555,810	\$ 1,501,296	3.60%

Invested in capital assets represent the Commission's long-term investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and is not available for current operations.

Total net assets of the Commission at May 31, 2008 were \$1,555,810. Net assets can be separated into three categories: net capital assets of related debt, restricted, and unrestricted assets.

Net capital assets of \$905,302 consist of capital assets at original cost less accumulated depreciation and related debt. The original cost of capital assets less any capital disposals is \$3,769,310. Accumulated depreciation of \$2,033,071 is the accumulation of depreciation expense since acquisition. Depreciation expense is recorded on the original cost of the asset expensed over the estimated useful life of the asset. Related debt of \$803,937 is composed of bonds and certificates of indebtedness and related accrued interest payable used to purchase capital asset additions.

The unrestricted net assets of \$650,508 are an accumulation of prior years' operating results. This balance is directly affected each year by the Commission's operating results.

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 MAY 31, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Results of Operations

A summary of changes in net assets is presented below.

Condensed Statement of Revenue and Expenses For the Year Ended May 31, 2008

Table 2 Changes in Net Assets

		2008		2007	% Change	
Operating revenues (charges for services, leases and other) Non-operating revenues (government subsidies and interest income)						
Total revenues	\$	<u>657,169</u>	\$	<u>773,474</u>	<u>(15.03%)</u>	
Operating expenses:						
Depreciation		114,103		122,090	(6.54%)	
Other		<u>488,552</u>		543,810	(10.16%)	
Total Expenses		<u>602,655</u>		<u>665,900</u>	(9.50%)	
Increase in net assets	\$	<u>54,514</u>		<u>107,574</u>	<u>(50.67%)</u>	

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 MAY 31, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Sources of Revenue

During the year ended May 31, 2008 the Commission derived the majority of its total revenue from water sales and related fees in the Commission. This amounted to \$637,393 or 96.99% of total revenue of the Commission.

Expenses

A substantial amount of the Commission's total expenses are for payroll cost and benefits to employees of the Commission. This amounted to \$253,438 or 44.79% of total expenses.

Capital Assets

The Commission's capital assets mainly consist of its distribution system totaling \$ 1,736,239, net of depreciation, which are located throughout the Commission's geographic area.

Debt

At year-end, the Commission had total debt outstanding of \$818,000 comprised of three debt issues.

Contacting the Commission's Financial Manager

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Commission's finances and to demonstrate the Commission's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Connie James, the Commission's Secretary/Treasurer in Pickering, La.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1

I have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission's No. 1, as of and for the year ended May 31, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission's No. 1 management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as we'll as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commissions No. 1 as of and for the year ended May 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management's discussion and analysis on pages 1 through 5 is not a required part of the basis financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Government Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my reported dated November 9, 2008 on my consideration of the Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the result of my audit.

Ellit JASSC. "APAC" Leesville, Louisiana

October 10, 2008

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

MAY 31, 2008

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 243,538
Receivables (Note 3):	
Interest	EO 306
Accounts	50,396 12,948
Inventory, at cost	
Prepaid expenses	6,104
Total current assets	312,986
Restricted assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	454,380
Total restricted assets	454,380
Capital assets (Note 4):	
Land	21,661
Land Improvements	22,982
Buildings	105,075
Water system	3,357,298
Furniture, vehicles, and equipment	262,294
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,033,071)
Capital assets (net of accumulated	
depreciation)	1,736,239
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,503,605</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

	Exhibit A
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Current liabilities: Accounts payable Payroll taxes payable Sales taxes payable Total current liabilities	\$ 7,731 1,029 128 8,888
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets: Current maturities - water revenue refunding bond (Note 5) Customer deposits Accrued interest payable (Note 5) Current maturities - certificated on indebtedness Current taxable excess revenue refunding bonds payable(Note 5)	19,000 107,970 12,937
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets	242,907
Long-term liabilities (Note 5): Taxable excess revenue refunding bonds (net of current maturities) Certificates of indebtedness - 2005 issue (net of current maturities) Water revenue refunding bonds - Series 2002(net of current maturities)	90,000 70,000 536,000
Total long-term liabilities	696,000
Total liabilities	947,795
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in capital assets net of related debt Unrestricted	905,302 650,508
Total net assets	\$ 1,555,810

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the year ended MAY 31, 2008

Operating revenues:	
Charges for sales and services:	
Water sales	\$ 604,919
Service connection fees	8,570
Penalty and reconnect fees	23,904
Total operating revenues	637,393
Operating expenses:	
Current:	
Salaries and related benefits	253,438
Depreciation (Note 4)	114,103
Utilities and telephone	68,889
Repairs and maintenance	42,026
Insurance	24,724
Office expense	12,774
Professional fees Commissioners fees	14,283 3,600
	15,497
Truck expense Supplies	4,207
Miscellaneous	6,648
Uniform service	4,088
Land lease expense	1,500
Total operating expenses	565,777
Operating income	71,616
Non-operating revenues (expenses):	
Interest income	4,615
Other income	19,776
Interest expense (Note 5)	(41,493)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(17, 102)
Net income	54,514
Net assets, beginning	1,501,296
Net assets, ending	<u>\$ 1,555,810</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit C

(4,191)

<u>\$1,555,810</u>

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Budget and Actual (GAAP)

For the year ended May 31, 2008

Variance Favorable Actual (Unfavorable) Budget Charges for sales and services: Water sales \$ 625,000 604,919 \$(20,081) Service connection fees 8,000 8,570 570 Penalty and reconnect fees 23,000 23,904 904 \$656,000 637,393 Total operating revenues \$(18,607) Operating expenses: Current: Salaries and related benefits \$ 261.500 253,438 8,062 Depreciation (Note 3) 116,000 114,103 1,897 Utilities and telephone 70,000 68,889 1,111 47,000 42,026 4,974 Repairs and maintenance 17,500 (7,224)Insurance 24,724 12,000 12,774 (774)Office expense (3,283)Professional expenses 11,000 14,283 ___ 4,207 (4,207)Supplies 3,600 3,600 Commissioners fees 4,500 4,088 412 Uniform expense 15,000 Truck expense 15,497 (497)625 __~_-625 Travel 6,648 352 7.000 Miscellaneous 1,500 1,500 Land lease expense \$ 567,225 \$ 565,777 Total operating expenses 88,775 \$ 71,616 Operating income Non-operating revenues (expenses): 19,776 9,776 10,000 Other income Interest income 5,200 4,615 (585)(45,270)(41,493)3,777 Interest expense (Note 4) Total non-operating revenues \$ (30,070)\$ (17, 102)\$ 12,968 (Expenses) 54,514 \$ (4,191) Net income 58.705 \$ Net assets, beginning 1,501,296 \$ 1,501,296

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Net assets, ending

1,560,001

Exhibit D

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended May 31, 2008

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash received from customers Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services Cash payments to employees for services	\$ 659,060 (190,030) (253,438)
Net cash provided by operating activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	215,592
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Acquisition and construction of capital assets Retirement of bonds Interest paid on bonds	(16,834) (120,000) (41,519)
Net cash used by capital financing activities	(178,353)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest on cash and investments	24,391
Net cash provided by investing activities	24,391
Increase in cash	61,630
Cash, beginning of fiscal year	636,288
Cash, end of fiscal year Reconciliation of income(loss)from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$ 697,918
<pre>Income from operation Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) from operations To net cash provided by operating activities:</pre>	\$ 71,616
Depreciation Amortization	123,202
Change in assets and liabilities: Increase in accounts receivable Decrease in other current assets Decrease in other current liabilities Increase in accounts payable Increase in customer deposits Net cash provided by operating activities	21,667 2,022 33 (3,909) 961 \$\frac{215,592}{215,592}

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 is a political subdivision of the Vernon Parish Police Jury. The "Commission" is governed by a board of commissioners, composed of five members, who serve with compensation and are appointed for various terms by the Vernon Parish Police Jury.

The financial statements of the Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No 1 have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of American (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing government accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Commission's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, The Reporting Entity, as amended, established criteria for determining the government reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Commission is considered a component unit, since it is a subdivision of the Vernon Parish Police Jury that reports to the Jury. As used in GASB Statement No 14, fiscally independent means that the Commission may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issued bonded debt. The Commission only does certain of the above functions and its board members are also appointed by the Jury, Thus the Commission is classified as a component unit.

Basis of Presentation

As stated above, effective January 1, 2002, the Commission adopted the provisions of Statement No. 34 and Statement No. 37. These statements established standards for external financial reporting for all state and governmental entities, which includes a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows. It requires the classification of net assets into three components - invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- * Invested in capital assets, net of related debt: This component of net assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- * Restricted net assets: This component of net assets consists of constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- * Unrestricted net assets: This component of net assets consists of net assets that do no meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Commission are organized on the basis of an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises— where the intent of the governing body is that the costs expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be finances primarily through user charges or where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise funds follow GAAP prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board and Financial Accounting Standards Board's Standards issue prior to November 30, 1989. Enterprise funds are accounted for in a flow of economic measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operating of these funds are included on the balance sheet. The operating statement presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net assets.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by enterprise funds. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with its principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Commission are charges for water sales. Operating expense include costs of providing water services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Cash

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the government.

Capital Assets

All purchased capital assets are stated at cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is charged against operations. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful lives ranging from 5 to 45 years using the straight-line method.

Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are recorded on the Commission records as the benefits accrued to employees. No liability is recorded for compensated absences that relate to future service or that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employees.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimated and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENT COLLATERAL

Under state law, the Commission may deposit funds with a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Commission may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, time certificates of deposit of any bank domiciled or having a branch office in the State of Louisiana, investments as stipulated in state law, or any other federally insured investment.

At May 31, 2008, the Commission had cash and investments as follows:

UNRESTRICTED RESTRICTED TOTAL

Cash (demand deposits) and certificate of deposit

\$198,927 \$437,361

At year end, the carrying amount of the Commission's deposits (demand deposits and certificates of deposit) was \$636,288, and the bank balances were \$648,025. A summary of collateralization of bank balances is presented below.

Insured (Federal deposit insurance) \$ 200,000
Uncollateralized (In accordance with
 GAAP - See below) \$ 436,288

\$ 636,288

\$636,288

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times at least equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

The uncollateralized amount shown above is secured by pledged securities with a market value of \$ held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent banks in holding or custodial banks. Even though the pledged securities are considered un collateralized under GAAP, Louisiana Revised Statutes impose a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Commission that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

RECEIVABLES

Receivables at May 31, 2008 consist of the following:

Accrued interest \$ --- 50,396

Net total Receivables \$ 50,396

4. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Balance			Balance
	Additions	Retirement	<u>s</u>
Land \$ 21,661			\$ 21,661
Land improv. 22,982			22,982
Buildings 105,075			105,075
Water System 3,357,298			3,357,298
Furniture			
Equip/Vehicle 245,460	16,834		262,294
Totals $$3,\overline{752,476}$	\$16,834 \$		\$3,769,310
Accumulated			
depreciation		•	(2,033,071)
Net capital			
assets			\$1,736,239

Depreciation expense included in the financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2008 is \$ 114,103.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Vehicles	5 years
Building	15 years
Improvements other than building	45 years
Furniture and equipment	3-10 years

NOTE 5 CHANGES IN LONG TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 for the year ended May 31, 2008:

	Cert. of Indebtedness Series 2004	Taxable Excess Revenue Series 2002	Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2002	Totals
Debt payable, June 1, 2007	\$ 110,000	\$ 254,000	\$ 574,000	\$938,000
Debt retired	(20,000)	(81,000)	(19,000)	(120,000)
Debt incurred				
Debt payable May 31, 2008	\$ <u>90,000</u>	<u>\$173,000</u>	<u>\$555,000</u>	<u>\$ 818,000</u>

The long-term debt payable at May 31, 2008 is comprised of the following issues:

\$551,000 Taxable Excess Revenue Refunding series 2002; April 1, 2002; due in annual installments of \$102,344 or less through September 1, 2010; interest at 6.10% - administered by two Deridder, Louisiana banks.

173,000

\$150,000 Certificates of Indebtedness dated Sept. 23, 2004 due in principal installments of \$20,000 to \$25,000 through September 2011 at average interest rate of 4%.

90,000

Water Revenue Refunding Bonds; series 2002 \$640,000 Revenue Refunding Bonds dated September 1, 2002 due in average annual installments of 47,750 or less through September 1, 2014; interest at 5.0%

Total

September 1, 2014;

Total \$ 555,000

5. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT (cont)

The annual requirements to amortize the above taxable excess revenue series 2002 bonds are as follows:

<u>Total</u>	Interest	<u>-</u>	Principal	Year Ending
91,926 96,985	8,926 6,985		83,000 90,000	2009 2010
\$ <u>188,911</u>	15,911	\$	<u>\$ 173,000</u>	Total

The annual requirements to amortize the tax exempt refunding bonds are as follows:

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	20,000	27,750	47,750
2010	22,000	26,200	48,200
2011	75,000	23,775	98,775
2012	79,000	17,900	96,900
2013	83,000	15,475	98,475
2014-2016	279,000	21,200	300,200
Total	\$558,000	\$ 132,300	\$690,300

There are limitations and restrictions contained in the two bond indentures. The Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 1 is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions.

The annual requirements to amortize the Series 2004 certificates of indebtedness are as follows:

Year ending	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	<u>Total</u>
2009	20,000	3,200	23,200
2010	20,000	2,400	22,400
2011	25,000	1,500	26,500
2012	25,000	<u>500</u>	25,500
Total	\$90,000	\$ 7,600	\$97,600

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft or damage and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Commission carries commercial insurance as outlined in the following table. Settled claims did not exceed commercial coverage for any of the past three fiscal years.

LIMITS OF COVERAGE

Workmen's compensation	\$	500,000
Auto liability		300,000
Commercial general liability	2	,000,000
Commission-owned buildings and equipment		231,487

The Commission covers all other losses, claim settlements, and judgments from operating resources. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

The Commission was not involved in any litigation nor did it have asserted claims lodged against it.

OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION No.1

I have audited the financial statements of the Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No.1 as of and for the year ended May 31, 2008, and have issued my report thereon dated October 10, 2008. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No.1's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, process, record, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Vernon Parish Water and Sewer Commission No.1's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Ellett & ASSC. "ARAC"
Leesville, Louisiana

October 10, 2008

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED May 31, 2008

SECTION 1- SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Not applicable

Financial Statements		
Type of auditor's report issued:	Unquali	fied
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weaknesses identified?	ye:	s _xno
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	ye:	s xno
Management's Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings	At	tached
Memorandum of Other Comments and Recommendations	No	t applicable
Management's Corrective Action Plan	Not	t applicable
Federal Awards	Not	t Applicable
SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS		
Not applicable		
SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND Q	UESTIONEI	COSTS

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS YEAR ENDED May 31, 2008

SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There were no prior year findings relating to internal control and compliance material to the financial statements.

SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

There were no prior year findings relating to internal control and compliance material to federal awards.

SECTION III MANAGEMENT LETTER

There was no management letter with prior year audit report.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VERNON PARISH WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1 SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED May 31, 2008

The schedule of per diem paid to board members was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution NO. 54 of the 1979 session of the Legislature.

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4564, the Board Members received \$60 per diem during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2008.

	Number Attended	Amount
A.L Scott	12	\$ 720
Carney Jean Midkiff	12	720
Lorin Mullins	12	720
Sue Bailey	12	720
Susan Redmond	<u>12</u>	720
Totals	<u>60</u>	<u>\$ 3,600</u>